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**Arizona House of Representatives**

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## House International Affairs Committee Statement on Russian Invasion of Ukraine

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – State Representatives Tim Dunn (R-13) and César Chávez (D-29), co-chairs of the House Ad Hoc Committee on International Affairs, announced that all eight appointed members issued a bipartisan statement today condemning the unprovoked Russian invasion of the independent country of Ukraine and calling upon all Arizonans to stand with its people. The statement reads:

**“Russian President Vladimir Putin’s shocking violation of Ukraine’s sovereignty is completely unacceptable and reprehensible. Our prayers are with the innocent people of Ukraine who are facing incredible hardship.**

**“Freedom and democracy are precious, and we must always fight to protect those values. Furthermore, it’s very clear that Russia is attempting to extinguish those values in Ukraine. President Putin, by invading the sovereign country of Ukraine, has made the world a more dangerous place and will cost countless innocent people their lives in the process.**

**“As members of the House International Affairs Committee, we unequivocally condemn Russia’s actions. We stand firmly with Ukraine and encourage our fellow Arizonans to join with us.”**

In addition to co-chairs Dunn and Chávez, committee members include State Representatives Regina Cobb (R-5), Justin Wilmeth (R-15), Steve Kaiser (R-15), Alma Hernandez (D-3), Diego Espinoza (D-19), and Lorenzo Sierra (D-19).

The committee is intended to review opportunities for Arizona to grow its international presence and stature, build relationships with international partners, enhance trade and foreign investment, and strengthen border security. It is also responsible for organizing visits and joint events in Arizona with international dignitaries.

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